

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 321

BY REPRESENTATIVE FANNIN

ETHICS/CODE: Exempts certain uncompensated public servants from mandatory ethics education and training requirements in the Code of Governmental Ethics

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1170(A)(3), relative to mandatory ethics education and  
3 training; to exempt uncompensated volunteer firemen and uncompensated auxiliary  
4 law enforcement officers from such education and training; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 42:1170(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1170. Ethics education; mandatory requirements; ethics designee

9 A.

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11 (3)(a) Commencing on January 1, 2012, each public servant who was not  
12 required to complete education and training pursuant to Paragraph (1) or (2) of this  
13 Subsection shall receive a minimum of one hour of education and training on the  
14 Code of Governmental Ethics during each year of his public employment or term of  
15 office, as the case may be.

16 (b) The provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall not apply to  
17 any person who is a public servant solely because he serves as an uncompensated  
18 volunteer fireman or an uncompensated auxiliary law enforcement officer.

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1           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
5 effective on the day following such approval.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Exempts uncompensated volunteer firemen and uncompensated auxiliary law enforcement officers from the ethics education and training each public servant is required to receive each year.

Present law (R.S. 42:1170(A)—ethics code) requires each public servant to receive a minimum of one hour of education and training on the Code of Governmental Ethics during each year of his public employment or term of office, as the case may be. Present law defines "public servant" as a public employee or an elected official.

Proposed law exempts from the mandatory ethics education and training requirement any person who is a public servant solely because he serves as an uncompensated volunteer fireman or an uncompensated auxiliary law enforcement officer and otherwise retains present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 42:1170(A)(3))